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ARSENAL AT POST WAS FORCED OPEN

Probably a Diabolical Plot Was Frustrated.

Two Soldiers and One in Civilian Dress Caught Forcing the Lock—Ran Away Before Alarm Could Be Given.

What was very probably a diabolical plot against Brownsville was frustrated at Fort Brown on Saturday morning about three o'clock, when three men were caught in the act of forcing open the door of the arsenal. Teamster Forster, who occupies quarters about thirty feet from the arsenal, was awakened at the hour named by a peculiar noise. On looking out to "discover its cause, he saw three men at the arsenal door which they were in the act of forcing open. Two were in soldiers' uniform and one in civilian attire. This Mr. Forster says he can testify to, but could not say whether the men were negroes or whites. Mr. Forster called out asking what they were about, and the three men immediately ran away. He then called to the guard, but received no reply. He then examined the door, which is very heavy, and found that the lock had been broken off and the outer door forced open sufficiently to admit his arm. He notified the guard of what had happened, but the men who had attempted to force the door were evidently frightened and did not return.

In corroboration of Mr. Forster's story, the officers at the post admit that the lock was forced off the arsenal door Friday night, being found at some distance from the arsenal, near the lagoon, on Saturday.

Was it a plot? After the recent experience of Brownsville with the negro soldiers and the hatred which the latter had for Brownsville, it is not difficult to believe that the action of these three men was part of a diabolical plot against the town. The fact of its occurring only a few hours previous to the time set for their departure shows that it was doubtless some of the negro soldiers who either desired to get ammunition or powder from the arsenal. It is not to be supposed for a moment that any of the white soldiers who had just arrived were at such a trick. It is hardly likely that they were after the Gatling gun, as that is dismantled and besides it could not have been fired without the entire post being awakened. But there is powder, plenty of it in the post, and it is not beyond possibility, not an improbable surmise, to suppose that the object of those three men was to secure gunpowder and use it to blow up some of the buildings in the town. There must have been some diabolical plot afoot, and Brownsville doubtless had a narrow escape from further outrage, through the timely appearance of Mr. Forster.

Farmers Cotton Mills.

If farmers want to help themselves, and be placed in an independent situation as far as they can be, in handling their cotton, they should see to it that cotton mills are built all over the cotton growing section. If the farmers are interested in the ownership of cotton mills, they will get both the profit of production and manufacture of cotton. That is the way to make the thing profitable to the producer.—Sherman Register.

A man has a lot of fun being a pessimist if he is rich and healthy and happy.

EXCURSION TO POINT ISABEL

Entertainment Tendered to the Visiting Democrats.

Fine Fish and Oyster Dinner Followed By Sail Out to the Pass. Special Train to Town Last Night.

According to the program for the entertainment of Congressman Garner Senator Willacy and the other prominent democrats who attended the conventions here, an excursion to Point Isabel was tendered to them yesterday by the citizens. A special car was attached to the train for the party, and a band was taken along to enliven the trip with music. Those going on the excursion were Congressman Garner, State Senator Willacy, Royall Givens of Corpus Christi, Sheriff Closner, Judge Marsh, A. E. Chavez, J. R. Alamina, W. B. Barton, Judge Vela and Charles Schunior of Hidalgo, Dr. Florence, Dr. Thorn, L. Kowalski, T. Crixell, V. L. Crixell, Judge Bartlett, W. M. Ratcliffe, Antonio Alonzo, H. Martinez, Jno. Trevino, John Bannon, C. F. Elkins and James O. Bannon.

Arriving at the Point, the time was passed pleasantly until noon, when dinner was announced at the Gulf Restaurant and the party sat down to one of the finest fish and oyster dinners ever served at Point Isabel. The choicest products of the waters of Laguna Madre served in Mine Host Weller's best style contributed to make it a feast fit for a congressman. The menu comprised oysters on the half shell, broiled on a stick, scalloped and fried, fish chowder, fish baked, with sauce tartare, and fried fish. Fine wines made an inspiring accompaniment and cigars followed the coffee. Wit and eloquence flowed freely, making it an occasion long to be remembered.

A delightful sail across the bay was enjoyed in the afternoon and on returning to the Point another fine repast was partaken of at the Gulf.

Owing to the lateness of the party's return from the sail, they missed the regular train, and a special went down for them, returning with the excursionists about nine o'clock last night.

MESSAGE FROM SENATOR BAILEY.

Secretary of War Says No Report by Army Officer Reflects On Citizens of Brownsville.

The following message which was received by Judge Bartlett Sunday was probably sent after an investigation by Senator Bailey in response to the protest made by citizens of Brownsville against the misrepresentations contained in Major Penrose's report, in which he made reference to the outrage by the soldiers as a "battle with the citizens."

"Washington, D. C., Aug. 25. To Judge John Bartlett, Brownsville, Texas.—Ainsworth, acting secretary of war, states that no report made by army officers reflects on the citizenship of Brownsville, and that no report charges that Fort Brown was fired on by anyone, or that the fort or the soldiers were in any manner attacked by anyone. The report of Major Penrose has been sent to the president at Oyster Bay and is not here now for inspection.

"Command me freely and fully."
"J. W. BAILEY."

The world owes everybody a living, but everybody must be their own collector.

JOHN N. GARNER IS RENOMINATED

And State Senator Willacy Receives Like Honor.

Conventions Voice Sentiments of the Democrats.—Welch and Kleiber Renominated.—Canales and Cole for Representatives.

Reports of the four democratic nominating conventions held here Saturday afternoon would require too much space for publication in detail, though each will be given in turn as copy is received from the various secretaries. Suffice it to say that the conventions, following the will of the democrats of the 15th Congressional, 23rd Senatorial, 95th Representative and 28th Judicial districts, as expressed in the primaries, by nominating the respective candidates endorsed in these districts.

In the 15th Congressional convention, presided over by Chairman J. B. Wells, with L. Kowalski as secretary, Hon. John N. Garner was nominated for re-election by Judge Stanley Welch in a most eloquent address, eulogizing the actual worth of Mr. Garner and expressing the confidence which his constituents feel in his ability.

In the 23rd Senatorial convention, State Senator John Willacy was likewise renominated, with equally well merited encomiums by John I. Kleiber.

In the 95th Representative convention, Hon. J. T. Canales was nominated for re-election and C. F. Elkins of Brownsville was nominated as the other candidate for representative from this district.

The judicial convention named Hon. Stanley Welch to succeed himself, and Hon. John I. Kleiber was also nominated to succeed himself as district attorney.

Not Soldiers But Armed Ruffians

The people of Brownsville are threatened and endangered by negro troops. Not by the troops of other countries; not by the oncoming (?) enemy against whom we are wasting millions to prepare. Take away the negro soldiers (the American soldiers), and all will be safety and peace. There is a great and timely lesson in this.—Galveston News.

The conduct of the negro soldiers at Brownsville in making war on defenseless citizens forever dims the luster which sentiment attaches to the regiment for its part in the battle at Santiago. After all, it seems these negroes are not soldiers in the true sense, but armed ruffians. In Roosevelt's book, "With the Rough Riders at Santiago," he tells how the negro soldiers wantonly killed Spanish prisoners whom he had entrusted to them to take to the rear. It is high time such soldiers as these were disarmed and disbanded. At least let them be retained in the north where the sentiment was created that put them in uniform.—Beeville Bee.

Telephone Etiquette.

When you call any one up over the 'phone do you begin your talk with "Hello! who is this?" If you do, don't. It is illbred and disrespectful. State who you are, and who you desire to talk to first, and, then do your talking. No one would think of entering an office, residence any other place and bawling out any such question as that. This is one of the courtesies you owe the person at the other end of the line.—Bellville Times.

An Air Brush.

Last summer Dottie was asked, "What is a fan?" After a moment's thought Dot replied: "A fan is a thing to brush the warm air away with."

Hoke Smith, former secretary of the interior, is nominated for governor of Georgia.

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